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Laird predicts war end

WASHINGTON UPI—Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird said today the United States will maintain naval and air forces in Southeast Asia, indefinitely but there will be no fresh commitments of "massive manpower" there.

Laird also said the American combat role in Vietnam will end this summer, but that U.S. forces will be involved in some forms of defensive combat beyond that point.

He refused to say when the American presence in Vietnam might completely end.

In a Pentagon news conference, the Defense Secretary said the Vietnamization program is succeeding and that the new thrust of Defense Department planning is aimed for when the war is ended.

In this respect, he said, the United States should give financial and arms assistance to the nations of Southeast Asia that would enable them to make the best possible use of their own manpower and resources.

"We should not make the

mistake of committing massive manpower to that part of the world," Laird said. "Military assistance—yes; American ground troops, manpower—no."

Without making any prediction of a specific date, Laird said combat responsibility in Vietnam will be turned over to the Vietnamese command "in the summer period." He denied that the mauling suffered by the South Vietnamese army during the invasion of Laos had slowed down this process.

Laird explained to the newsmen:

"I would not have you think that we would not have a security force in Vietnam after this summer or that it would not be involved in some combat.

"Some people go away from these meetings with the impression the combat forces we have in Vietnam then will remain around defense lines and not protect the American presence. This is not true. They will protect the American presence."

One defense official, noting that Communist troops overran

fire base Mary Anne in South Vietnam March 26 with the loss of 33 American lives, said: "I would think that Mary Anne is all the lesson anybody is going to need" for such defensive operations.

Army sources elaborated that the security forces left in Vietnam after the major U.S. combat role ends will be authorized to set up ambushes and launch small attacks against Communist troops as part of their defensive role.

Declaring that President Nixon's doctrine for Southeast Asia "is to make the best use of the resources our allies have," the secretary said: "To say that we would not have a presence in Asia after Vietnam under the strategy of realistic deterrence... would certainly be misleading.

"I would envision that U.S. presence in Asia as far as naval forces are concerned, as far as air power is concerned, that this would be part of the realistic deterrent we would maintain in Asia."



UPI Telephoto

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird told reporters yesterday that the U.S. will maintain an indefinite naval and air presence in Southeast Asia, but that the American combat role will end by summer.

Budget is campus' future—Kennedy

"Cal Poly...is something of a maverick in the state college system," stated President Robert Kennedy.

Kennedy sought in testimony Monday, before a legislative subcommittee in Sacramento, to point out the results of budget cuts on a specific campus—this one. He justified special attention to our college's needs by reminding the committee that the campus is a vocational technical school rather than a teacher training center, a necessity in

today's technology-oriented society.

The speech enumerated five major sore spots that could result from budget cuts: faculty cutbacks, equipment reduction, static salaries, near-obliteration of Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), and bankruptcy of foreign students. Kennedy said the laboratory and non-lecture classes that maintain this campus' "learn by doing" concept, are fixed-station instructional units. Instead of

expansion, classes will have to be dropped from the curriculum, making degree requirements that much harder for the average Poly student to get.

Accreditation for such programs as the engineering curriculum will be endangered, according to Kennedy, if modern equipment is not secured.

This campus' reputation for reason and constructive change rather than rhetoric and destructive change was attributed by Kennedy to the positive working relationship between faculty and students. He warned that this may be impaired by lack of morale of present faculty and poor quality of newly recruited faculty.

EOP will perhaps be hardest hit by the budget cuts. The program rates only \$6,500 in the new budget in comparison to \$33,535 for the current year. The new figure would provide the average student with \$121, not enough to cover fees for a year.

Foreign students are in as much trouble as EOP students. They face increased tuition which they have not budgeted for in their original college plans. Unless the "grandfather clause," allowing currently enrolled students to freeze their tuition at \$600, is accepted many foreign students will be forced to leave college.

Encounter community: open forum tomorrow

Vowing to better inform students, faculty and members of the San Luis Obispo community about issues of campus concern, the first "Open Forum" meeting will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the College Union.

The first meeting, according to ASI President Paul Banks, will deal with "Encounter: the Community." On hand to speak of campus-community relationships will be San Luis Obispo Mayor Kenneth Swartz; Douglas Gerard, executive dean; and William Mautner, a student who studied bussing service for the college and the community. Banks will chair the panel.

Included in this pioneer meeting will be discussions covering topics such as parking, transportation, housing and annexation.

Future open forums, two of which are planned after Poly Royal, plan to deal with faculty promotion, retention and tenure decisions, students evaluation of faculty, accreditation, tuition and probable effects of the state college budget.

All open forum meetings will not be held at the same time and same date, so individuals won't be faced with missing all of the meetings. Pres. Robert E. Kennedy will be present for the meetings.

Daily Capsule

—UPI News Service—

St. Paul, Minn.—The Minnesota Senate passed and sent to the governor a bill authorizing the Minnesota attorney general to test the constitutionality of the Vietnam War in the federal courts.

Washington—Faced with the embarrassing theft of internal documents, the FBI was reported planning to close some of the 500 resident agencies it maintains throughout the nation.

Istanbul—An earthquake rocked the Western Anatolia region of Turkey. No damage or casualties were reported.

Washington—Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird stated that the U.S. will maintain military forces in Southeast Asia indefinitely but not commit "massive manpower" there again.

Annapolis, Md.—The turnout was light among the 18 to 21 year-olds in the first election affected by the 1970 law lowering the voting age.

New York—Three gunmen outwitted military police to rob a military reservation bank of \$250,000 after holding 13 hostages overnight.

Laying it on the line

San Luis Obispo Mayor Kenneth Swartz will lay it all on the line Thursday in Mission Plaza. On stake will be the honor of San Luis Obispo, Poly Royal and the respect of his councilmen.

Thursday will see Swartz lay Slow 1 on the starting line against Councilman Emmons Blake's Slow 2, Councilman Myron Graham's Slow 3, Councilman Donald Q. Miller's Slow 4, and Councilman Art Spring's Slow 5.

It's a turtle race.

Named in honor of the city's promotional program—San Luis Obispo Weekend—the turtles have been in training during the past several months preparing for this tilt. Reports have leaked out from the training camps and from Jimmy the Greek that Miller's Slow 4 is favored by a few steps over his more conservative peers.

The race will be the final tune-up before competition in the annual Poly Royal sprints. The public is invited for the 11:30 a.m. Mission Mall run. Leave your hares at home, please.

LETTERS

Just what time is it?

Editor:

I realize that Uncle Ronnie has drastically cut the budget, but would it be asking too much to

have the clock on the college union fixed?

Kerry Nichols

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'Birds, bees, flowers, trees'

"What's happening to campus circulation?" seems to be a question leaving Mr. Maurer (Mustang Daily April 12) confused, so confused, in fact, that his imagination cannot even function properly.

In answer to his question, on-campus circulation is being done on foot and by bicycle. Cars are no longer used, so why do we need a massive street of asphalt between the library and the Engineering East building? True, it is a means of transportation, but what if we made this "street" adaptable to its new function? Let's make it an enjoyable space to pass through and separate the function of transportation and relaxation, the library lawn and the "street." What better solution can there be than the use of naturally colorful planters defining two separate outdoor functions?

The existing trees will provide plenty afternoon shade to ensure "healthy" year-round plants. The library lawn will not be an open come-and-go transportation

flatland, but a beautifully defined space for relaxation and open visitation. The street will become a more attractive and defined circulation route rather than a massive walkway seeming to pass through a portion of space devoted to relaxation.

The space taken up by the planter will not be that detrimental to our campus with as many circulation routes as we have. There will be 15 feet of sidewalk plus 10 feet of beautifully patterned brick for transportation space, the bicycles having no problems using the remaining 10 feet of street space. As I see it, there will be more natural life, birds and bees, actually contributing to a more colorful area on our campus, making it a much more enjoyable environment. The open lawn area will be surrounded by natural growth, creating a separate enclosed garden-type atmosphere we all can enjoy—wait and we will see.

Vernon G. Fergel

Concert tickets will be limited—local students

The Chambers Brothers' Concert, according to Dave Taxis, program counselor, will be open only to local college students. Taxis said that the only outside students admitted will be those that can prove themselves to be Cuesta or Hancock College students.

Taxis went on to say that funds that were part of some \$13,000 earmarked early in the year as "special programming" are going to drive the cost down for tickets to the concert about one and a half dollars. "To break even," Taxis said, "we would have to charge \$3.50 a head. But this special programming fund will allow us to charge only a \$2.00 admission fee."

The Assembly Committee, who is putting up almost half of the \$8,225 fee, will get the first \$4,000 to pay for their contribution Taxis said. The next \$1,000, he added, will go to the Ag Council "for coming up with the idea and serving as ushers."

Thefts mar FBI security

Washington UPI—Faced with the embarrassing theft of internal documents, the FBI Tuesday was reported planning to close some of the 500 resident agencies it maintains throughout

the nation because of security problems.

The FBI declined comment on how many of the offices might be closed or where. The decision could be taken without any formal announcement.

More than 1,000 documents were stolen last March 8 from the FBI's two-man Media, Pa., resident office in a college suburban area of Philadelphia.

No arrests have been made but a group calling itself "Citizens Committee to Investigate the FBI" has claimed credit for the theft. Some of the stolen documents have been mailed to several newspapers and congressmen.

FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, increasingly under fire in Congress for outspoken statements and partly as a result of disclosures made in some of the stolen documents, will make the final decision on closing of the resident agencies or "suboffices."

Under Hoover's direction, his force of 8,400 agents are set up geographically to make it possible for an agent to get anywhere in the country as quickly as possible to ensure prompt investigative attention.

Closing down some of the suboffices was recommended following an internal investigation of overall security. No further burglaries have been reported since the Media office was looted, but that theft was the first of its kind in memory.

Justice Department officials have charged that the documents made public were carefully selected out of context to create the impression that the FBI uses unwarranted or illegal methods in its investigations.

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Spikers on top in recent meet

The Mustang track and field team, after its one-meet home season, takes to the road again this weekend, battling arch-rival Fresno State in Ratcliffe Stadium Saturday.

The meet should be one to watch, according to Steve Simmons, head mentor for the locals. He anticipates excellent races in the quarter mile, steeplechase, mile relay and the mile run. The Bulldogs appear to have a one-man team in Rufus Morris, who was selected Fresno's Player of the Week earlier this season. Morris calls the long jump his specialty (24-6), but is no slouch in the 100, 220, high jump and triple jump. He also runs a leg on the 440 relay.

The Mustangs opened and closed their home season on Saturday, picking up their first victory along the way. They amassed 112½ points to defeat the Poly Pomona Broncos (50), Los Angeles State Diablos (76½), and late additions, the Highlanders of U.C. Riverside (40).

Bobby Turner performed his usual heroics for the Mustangs, winning the 100, 220 and boosting the 440 relay team to victory. Turner, who currently is setting the pace for the nation in the sprints, was clocked at 9.3 in the 100 and 20.9 in the longer race. Both times were wind-aided.

High jumper Reynaldo Brown set one of two season marks for the squad while breaking the school record with a leap of 7 feet.

Mohinder Gill was the other pacesetter. His triple jump spanned a distance of 51 feet, 2 inches. Both took those events.

Other Mustangs taking firsts were Mike Craig in the discus, Richard Gootch in the shot and Lowell Henry, John Haley, Gill and Turner in the 440 relay.

Golfers tackle Vandenberg

Mustang golfers move down the coast today for a match against Vandenberg Air Force Base. The Mustangs will be out to even their record at .500 as they enter the match with a 4-5-1 mark.

Leading the way for the linksmen will be Greg Edwards and Jim Kiger. Edwards, who has lowered his average last year by 2.3 strokes, will be out for revenge as he will be facing the man who has given him his only loss of the year. Edwards' record stands at 9-1 for the year.

Dick Anderson, who recently completed his 24th year as water polo and swimming coach for the Mustangs, has been recognized by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America as a "Distinguished Coach."

Anderson served the CSCS as its president in 1969-70 and was immediate past president last season. He served six years on the organization's executive council and for eight years chaired the special awards committee.

The Mustang mentor has been a member of the CSCA for 24 years, four more than the minimum required for consideration as a "Distinguished Coach." He has directed the aquatic phase of this school's Workshop and conducted the

state college swimming championships during his tenure here.

Membership in good standing in the CSCA for 20 years or more plus holding office in the organization are two of the requirements for the honor. Conducting a clinic and supervising the state championship meet are other criteria considered by the committee in bestowing the honor on Anderson.

Anderson joined the faculty here in September, 1947, and has served as water polo and

swimming coach ever since. He was a three-year regular in both sports at Southern California prior to his graduation in 1942. While working toward his master's degree at USC in 1946-47 he served the university as assistant coach in both sports.

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